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DANGLING A BAIT? Or Gently Wielding A Whip? American 'Dollar' Diplomacy

WASHINGTON, DEC. 24. WITH INCREASING FREQUENCY THE UNITED STATES IS DANGLING THE BAIT OF ECONOMIC AID BEFORE CERTAIN GOVERNMENTS SLOW TO ADOPT POLICIES WHICH THIS COUNTRY BELIEVES ESSENTIAL TO PEACE STABILITY.

DIPLOMATIC OFFICIALS HAVE UNDERScoreD THAT ANGLE IN ANALYSING AMERICA'S STATEMENT ON SATURDAY ANNOUNCING THE RECOGNITION OF THE NEW YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC WHILE CRITICISING SOME PRACTICES OF MARSHAL TITO'S BELGRADE REGIME.

In his statement, acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson expressed the hope that the Yugoslav would soon follow the course which would "make possible those relations both political and economic" which he said the United States desires.

Communist Leaders See Gen. Marshall

CHUNGKING, DEC. 24. GENERALISSIMO AND MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK ARRIVED BY AIRPLANE FROM NANKING. THE GENERALS SIMO IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE WITH GENERAL MARSHALL. THE NEW SPECIAL AMERICAN AMBASSADOR, THE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST LEADERS WHO STARTED IN NANKING.

General Marshall preceded the Generalissimo to Chungking. Three Communist leaders called on Marshall to pay their respects and for a friendly exchange of views. The general said they spent an hour together in which it was reported Marshall did not listen to anything that was the first presentation to Marshall of the Communist viewpoint by party leaders.

The three were Gen. Chou En-lai, deputy party chief and head of the Communist delegation to the forthcoming peace talks; Gen. Yeh Chien-ying, Communist army chief of staff; and Tung Pi-wu, who was a Communist member of the Chinese delegation to the United Nations conference in San Francisco. Associated Press.

Comic Opera Or What?

PEIPING, DEC. 24. CHINESE MILITARY AUTHORITIES HELD TO-DAY FOR TRIAL MORE THAN A SCORE OF JAPANESE WAR CRIMINAL SUSPECTS WHO WERE APPREHENDED AND TURNED OVER BY NIPPON-NESE LIAISON OFFICIALS.

The press here reported that among those imprisoned were two majors who directed the army liaison, several officers of the dreaded Kempeitai Gendarmes and a former adviser of the puppet Federal Reserve Bank.

Two of the prisoners are reported to be formerly responsible for the North China railway police whose harshness brought considerable suffering to Chinese civilians during the occupation.

When asked if their feelings about the Greater East Asia war were changed, most of them replied it "was for the benefit of the whole of the Far East but it was regrettable to have Asiatic fight Asiatics."

Questioned whether they knew why they were under arrest the reply was the same in all cases: "We don't know. Our Embassy told us to come here." Associated Press.

Attack On Hospital

BATAVIA, DEC. 24. A British communiqué issued with regard to an attack on a Red Cross emergency hospital in the Kraton area disclosed that the attack resulted in the deaths of one patient and two Indonesian servants and the wounding of six other Indonesian servants.

These followed the deaths of a Dutch officer and one R.A.F. man when two R.A.F. trucks were fired upon yesterday. Associated Press.

War Does Not Pay Tokens

TOYO, DEC. 24. A proposal that atom-bombing of Japan and certain badly damaged sections of other main cities of Japan be preserved as "reminders that war does not pay," was made in a letter signed by a Japanese and published in the "Nippon Times" today.

Hiro Murakami wrote that the war profits tax would be insufficient to impress this lesson on future generations, therefore he proposed retention of the ruins. Associated Press.

World's Moral Obligation To Jewish People

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ALL THE TOP-RANKING AMERICAN OFFICERS IN EUROPE ATTENDED THE 22-MINUTE EPISCOPAL SERVICE IN THE 16TH CENTURY CHRIST CHURCH. MRS. PATTON AND HER BROTHER WERE ONLY MEMBERS PRESENT OF THE LATE GENERAL'S FAMILY.

The solemnity of the occasion visibly affected many of the soldiers present, and even some of the German civilians, as an estimated crowd of 6,000 persons lined the streets on the route from the church to the railway station.

There Patton's flag-trapped steel coffin was placed aboard a special train for its journey to Luxembourg where the burial services will be held on Monday.

The general's body was borne through the streets in a coffin mounted on a half-track preceded by an army band and 16 armoured cars from Patton's old 15th Cavalry.

Mrs. Patton rode in the General's own motor-car with her brother and Lieut. General Keyes. She wore a dark fur coat and black hat.

COMRADES IN DEATH. Dozens of Generals, including General Joseph T. MacNarney, new American Commander in Europe, rode in motor-cars in the procession that moved at a walking pace.

The remains of General Patton are to be buried among 10,000 white crosses in the American cemetery at Luxembourg. The burial services will take

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BIG THREE GET ON FAMOUSLY

MOSCOW, DEC. 24. THE BIG-THREE FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING TO-DAY WENT INTO ITS EIGHTH DAY WITH PROGRESS STILL UNINTERRUPTED BY FRESH OBSTACLES AND ITS TONE EASY, NATURAL AND HUMAN. AN INFORMED SOURCE DISCLOSED.

FOREIGN RUSSIAN COMMISSAR MOLOTOV WAS HOST LAST NIGHT TO FOREIGN SECRETARY BEVIN AND STATE SECRETARY BYRNES AT A BOLSHOI PARTY. ACCOMPLISHMENT MAY STILL BE CONSIDERED IN A POSITIVE STAGE, IT WAS DECLARED.

The United States policy on the atomic question is still what it was before the first meeting of the Foreign Ministers' conference, it is learned, the position based on the Truman-Attlee-Mackenzie King declaration.

There is no cause for speculation or anxiety in American or other quarters that the United States may be giving away atomic secrets.

Bevin, Byrnes and Molotov met at noon in the Soviet Foreign Commissar's office in the Kremlin. Following the informal conference there, the three men were the guests of United States Ambassadors Averell Harriman at luncheon after which they were to move to the Speridoni Palace for a formal meeting.

MATTER OF CONVENIENCE. No special significance should be attached to the fact that the three men met informally at the Kremlin, it was stated, for this system is a matter of convenience.

Generalissimo Stalin was not present at the meeting.

Although no information is given on the conference while it is sitting, Byrnes has promised to give a press conference after the meeting and it is believed that Bevin and Molotov might do so too.

In speaking of the London meetings to-day one source observed how much more friendly these meetings are than those held in London. Associated Press.

BIG THREE DISCUSSIONS. The sixth formal session yesterday of the Big Three Foreign Ministers' meeting lasted two hours, Mr. James Byrnes, United States Secretary of State, presiding. No statement was issued after the conference.

M. Herve Alphand, head of the French Trade Mission now in Moscow called on the Soviet Foreign Commissar, M. Molotov, last night. —Reuter.

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Publication will be resumed with an issue on Friday morning, December 28.

Big Three In Good Humour

MOSCOW, DEC. 24. Following an informal two-hour meeting in M. Molotov's Kremlin Office yesterday, the British, Soviet and United States Foreign Ministers attended the premiere of the new ballet "Cinderella" at the Bolshoi Theatre.

The three Foreign Ministers who appeared in excellent spirits were given a tumultuous reception by the audience. —Reuter.

CALLOWAY IN A SCUFFLE

KANSAS CITY, DEC. 24. CAB CALLOWAY, NEGRO BAND LEADER, WAS TO-DAY TREATED IN HOSPITAL FOR CUTS AND BRUISES AFTER A SCUFFLE AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE BALL-ROOM WHERE HE TOLD THE POLICE HE HAD GONE TO VISIT LIONEL HAMPTON, ANOTHER NEGRO BAND LEADER.

Calloway said he and his friend were denied entrance to the ball-room by the doorman. A special officer employed by the ballroom told the police he had asked Calloway and his friend to leave when upon the friend's refusal to leave, Calloway and a ballroom employee clouted Calloway with a pistol butt.

Hampton refused to continue to play when he heard of the incident. Associated Press.

Japs On Both Sides In China!

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CHU TEH OUTLINES TERMS OF CHINA PEACE

YENAN, DEC. 24. THE CHINESE COMMUNIST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, GEN. CHU TEH, SAID TO-DAY HE HAD WITHDRAWN ALL RED FORCES FROM THE EMBATTLED CITIES OF PAOTOW, KWEISUI AND TATUNG AS AN EARNEST GESTURE OF THE COMMUNIST DESIRE FOR PEACE.

HE ALSO ASSERTED "THE COMMUNIST DELEGATES TO THE CHUNGKING PEACE TALKS ARE FULLY EMPOWERED TO DEAL IMMEDIATELY AND DIRECTLY WITH U.S. AMBASSADOR MARSHALL IN ALL MATTERS CONCERNING THE ENDING OF CHINA'S INTERNAL STRIFE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A COALITION GOVERNMENT."

Chu Teh's statement was given in an exclusive Associated Press interview in his cave home. He declared the Communists are ready to dissolve all their armed forces except the armed units of 20 divisions as soon as peace is restored and a coalition government set up.

(Note the sequence of the demanded events: firstly the coalition government and then the military reorganization, upon which the Communists are insistent).

Chu Teh is optimistic, he said, over possible results of the all-party conference of the political consultative council in Chungking now that President Truman has outlined the United States' aim in China as peace and unity.

He added that American forces in China can achieve internal accord "by unwaveringly carrying out the Truman policy of restricting their tasks."

NOT TOO LATE. He said that if it were true that the U.S. State Department order

led Americans to cease transporting Central Government troops to North China "then it is not too late to avoid a full scale civil war."

Chu Teh expressed opposition to any loans to the present Central Government because, he asserted, they would be dissipated in furtherance of civil war and in graft and corruption.

"It takes only a few pockets to hide even such large sums," Chu Teh asserted.

He said the projected new coalition government would welcome a \$2,000,000,000 American loan to stimulate and revitalize the nation industrially. He said finance of the Central Government never have been kept open to the people.

He asserted that the experience of the Communists in developing production has shown that national economy development mainly depends on reforms in the fiscal and economic system and loans can only be an aiding factor. —Associated Press.

Communist Offers Suspect

CHUNGKING, DEC. 24. PROSPECTS OF A PRE-CHRISTMAS SOLUTION TO CHINA'S PROBLEM OF INTERNAL STRIFE DIMINISHED ALMOST TO THE VANISHING POINT AS ANOTHER DAY PASSED WITHOUT ANY DEVELOPMENT FROM THE COMMUNIST PROPOSAL FOR IMMEDIATE UNCONDITIONAL MUTUAL ASSASSINATION OF HOSTILITIES—A PROPOSAL WHICH GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TERMED UNOFFICIAL.

AS FAR AS IS KNOWN, THE COMMUNISTS HAVE YET PUT THIS PROPOSAL IN WRITING. THEY ASISTED THAT A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL TO WHOM IT WAS SUBMITTED WEDNESDAY WAS SPECIALLY REQUESTED TO FORWARD IT TO GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

The Generalissimo, who has been on a visit to Peiping and Nanking, returned to Chungking Sunday afternoon, and if the Communist proposal looks good to him he could conceivably give his O.K. by Christmas.

Observers say, however, the problem is not such an easy one as it might seem on the surface.

The proposal, which also includes "freezing" of contending sides at their present positions, would mean that the Government must halt the movement of troops into Manchuria where the Russians under present arrangements are supposed to complete their withdrawal by Jan. 8.

OBVIOUSLY SUSPICIOUS. Nationalist quarters are obviously suspicious of the Communist proposal and the manner in which it was presented. They think it possible that the Com-

munist, while drawing praise for proposing a "cease fire" order on all fronts, might, when it comes to putting it in writing, add a few strings which would preclude acceptance.

The Generalissimo is expected to promptly resume talks he started with General George C. Marshall at Nanking. There was a belief that the two might hold their first Chungking conference to-day.

INVITATION TO YENAN. Gen. Chou En-lai and two other Communists called on Marshall on Sunday to exchange greetings and present the Communist case to him. It is understood they will seek further opportunities to meet with Marshall and will in all likelihood extend him an invitation to visit Yenpan for discussions with their leader, Mao Tse-tung. —Associated Press.

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Christmas Day thousands of
mixed emotions. Dominant
in most minds perhaps is a feeling
of exaltation, that for the
first time for several years it
is possible to enter unreservedly
into celebration, that the suffering
of the innocent is terminated
and the world rejoiced
of tragedy, and that it is possible
to share in a common rejoicing
free at last from tears and
mourning and anxiety.
Mixed with these pleasurable
and pardonable sensations
however there enters a thought
of a who belong to Hong Kong
of the past and of the future,
a susceptible community. We
are so close to our land here
that we feel from a common
experience and sympathy
established by a common history
and bonds, tends to foster that
sentimental Day was the day of
tragedy. The overcoming of
all memories of those who gave
peace, have in defiance of
death and hurt, in solemn
awareness that they battled in
a common hope. Most causes
in common catch the imagination
in a way that victories
fail to do, but there was little
of romance to cherish in the
fact that was set the garrison
of Hong Kong, standing staunch
in a dark hour the full defini-
tion of which was yet to come.

Those who shared in that
experience and survived the
and who perhaps spent more
of three years chafing and
yearning in imprisonment, or
perhaps under the scarcely less
severe strain and demoralization
of Hong Kong under Japanese
occupation for them it is just
easy to enter freely into Christ-
mas Day celebration unless they
share also a conviction that a
larger design has been fulfilled
than can now be comprehended.
In that mood and hope, it is
right and proper to render
four years ago were put to a
severe test of our faith in the
eventual triumph of right
over might.

To-day we can cele-
brate the justification of that
faith, that were spared a second
warfare and certainty that
the horror and the death and
the desolation would have been
more shattering than the first.
Thankful that with an end to
the least, we have an oppor-
tunity to build again, firm and
true, substantial and permanent,
better than before. Thank-
ful, that already Progress has
marched and that men can walk
with freedom about our streets.
To the tasks that remain, it is
for us to dedicate ourselves in
the New Year, in a unity of
spirit born of the Christmas
season, the ideal of the Brother-
hood of Man standing sentinel
over our words and our actions.

[illegible]

STAG PARTIES
The Services are luckier than the children of Adam, tribute must, however, be paid to a generosity that is not in the least diminished by the fact that the soldier and airman are no longer so bound. Were it not for the
And more, gave and did not
and the cost. Take heed Act
to differentiate their glorious
needs. They paid the supreme
sacrifice. They died that we
might live. Their last months
were indeed their finest hour.

FRANK HICKMAN.

Seven Chinese were sentenced to three months' hard labour by Lt. Nierl yesterday for the larceny of 3,000 bricks from Nos. 1-35, Parkes Street, Yaumati. They were arrested on Saturday, when very calmly taking the bricks away in a large hand-drawn truck. The bricks are at present lying at the Yaumati Police Station, awaiting the owner of the houses to claim them.

H.Q. AIR COMMAND, S.E.A. CHRISTMAS EVE.

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR KEITH PARK, ALLIED AIR COMMAND-IN-CHIEF, HAS SENT THE FOLLOWING CHRISTMAS GREETING TO ALL RANKS IN AIR COMMAND, SOUTH EAST ASIA:

"I send my sincere good wishes for a merry Christmas and a successful New Year to all ranks serving in Air Command, South East Asia. Above all seasons, this is the one that we associate with family reunions and home. The time you have all done out here has brought those cherished things nearer to realisation than seemed possible a year ago.

"During the coming year many of you will return to civil life, where you have every prospect of success in your chosen career, because service in the war has made you more mature and stronger of character. We old members of the Royal Air Force have also benefited greatly from the qualities brought in by you citizens of the Empire.

"Though the period of readjusting yourselves from Service to civilian life may be difficult, you have developed the qualities of cheerfulness, adaptability, reliability, intelligence and loyalty—qualities which should bring you success in every trade or profession.

"Those of you who are staying on in the Royal Air Force will require the same sterling qualities because it is going to be a man-size job rebuilding the Service to meet peace-time conditions.

"Once again: Thank you all for a grand job of work in 1945, and wishing you a Merry Christmas and a successful New Year."

CRYSTAL CLEAR

It is crystal clear that speed of itself does not amount to criminal negligence and that regard must be had to the nature of the road. What is the nature of the road in this case, then?—

"An exceptionally wide road with no traffic and no pedestrians."

All the witnesses in the case say this. You will remember Miss L. saying that the only pedestrian in any way was the deceased. Can you rightly say, Sirs, that on this wide road at an hour of the night when all the shops were closed and there was no traffic and no pedestrian and the accused was traveling near the crown of the road, 10 feet from its side, that he could

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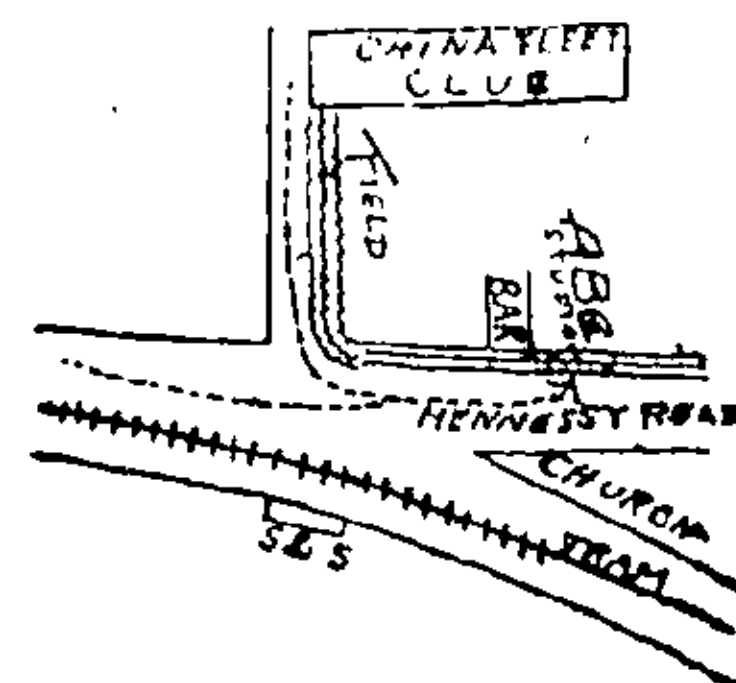
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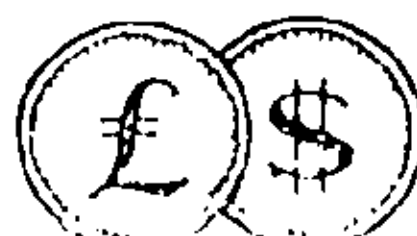
Major Field Of Operations In Orient

French Fear Of Germany

New York, Dec. 24.
France's stand on the question
of setting up a central administra-
tion in Germany received support
today in the form of an editorial
in the New York "Herald Tri-
bune."
Until now, the paper said, no
responsible American leader has
replied to the French criticisms ex-
posed to make references to the de-
plorable economic conditions at
present prevailing in Germany and
to the Potsdam agreements of
which France was not a signatory.
The paper pointed out that
France fears that to form a cen-
tralized administration in Ger-
many without first revising her
western frontier will place France
in a situation similar to the one
brought about by the Versailles
treaty.

No effort towards solving the
problem of France's security has
been made during the past few
months, the paper continued, and
this question is much more im-
portant than that of Germany's
welfare.
The present situation is due to
the fact that there is no long-
term Allied policy towards Ger-
many, the New York "Herald Tri-
bune" concluded. Associated
Press.

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NEW YORK, DEC. 23.
MR. HERBERT LEHMAN, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE
U.N.R.R.A. HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE PRO-
GRAMME FOR THE FAR EAST IS DESTINED TO OC-
CUPY A MAJOR PLACE IN THE AGENCY'S FINAL
YEAR OF EXISTENCE.
IN A PROPOSED SCHEDULE PROVIDING FOR A WORLD-
WIDE EXPENDITURE OF ALMOST \$2,500,000,000
DURING THE OUTLINED PERIOD, THE FAR EAST
HAS BEEN ALLOTTED ALMOST \$700,000,000.

Lehman confirmed that China
will be the major field of opera-
tions in the Orient, with Korea,
Formosa and the Philippines re-
ceiving subsidiary attention.

The recent American Con-
gressional action authorized a
final contribution of \$1,350,000,
000, and the sum of \$750,000,000
has already been appropriated.
Lehman said in a press confer-
ence statement that an agreement
with the Chinese Government for
operations in China has been com-
pleted and that the agency hopes
to pour an increasing amount of
goods to China henceforth.

1,000,000 TONS A MONTH
The Director-General stated
that the agency's overall shipments
into distressed areas have already
reached 1,000,000 tons monthly
with still larger amounts planned
during 1946, of which China and
other Far East areas are destined
to receive huge amounts.

Lehman said the Chinese inland
distribution facilities will measure
the amounts of goods the agency
sends there.
"The flow of supplies to China
ports will proceed as fast as the
Chinese transportation system can
get them into the interior," he
declared.

Regarding Formosa, Lehman
said the relief programme there
will be carried on as part of the
China programme and will be
executed as fast as conditions
there permit.

SUCCESSFUL CLOSE
The Director-General stated that
an U.N.R.R.A. mission will be soon
entering Kyoto to determine the
needs of the American occupied
zone after which it is anticipated
it will enter the Russian zone of
occupation to determine the needs
there with the co-operation of the
Soviets.

Lehman said the agency is
rapidly augmenting its relief pro-
gramme, he said, to bring the
agency's existence to a close with
complete success not only in the
Far East but wherever it is
operating.

In addition to the formal pro-
gramme, Lehman said, there will
be an inauguration of an Ameri-
can campaign for vast amounts of
used clothing and other food-
stuffs which will be used wherever
conditions demand. Associated
Press.

NOTHING LEFT UNDONE

The Hague, Dec. 24.
The Netherlands Government,
in a statement today, declared
that "nothing will be left undone
to further a solution of the In-
donesian problem in conformity
with the principles of the United
Nations charter."

The Dutch news agency Aneta
said the statement urged that
Japanese forces in the Nether-
lands East Indies be disarmed
with the quickest possible time with
the fullest protection given to
Allied former war prisoners and
inmates.

Aneta said the statement was
issued in answer to the United
States memorandum. Associated
Press.

STILL A PARIAS

Washington, Dec. 24.
The U.S. Ambassador to Spain,
Mr. Norman Armour, today said
that his General Franco has not
taken sufficiently vigorous steps
to make his government accept-
able to the United Nations.

He told a news conference that
the only evidence of any change
in the Spanish Government has
been the removal of press super-
vision from the Falangist Party;
calling of municipal elections and
adoption of what the Spanish
Government called a "bill of
rights." Associated Press.

ROUND-WORLD ON INSPECTION

Washington, Dec. 24.
Three members of the Senate
War Investigating Committee
will begin a round world trip
on Thursday to determine what
is being done about disposing
of surplus government property.
They are Senators James
N. Tamm, Democrat of Dela-
ware, Hugh B. Mitchell, Demo-
crat of Washington, and Wil-
liam F. Knowland, Republican
of California. Associated
Press.

Manila, Dec. 24.
A "Roxas for President" head-
quarter was opened today al-
though Manuel Roxas did not for-
mally announce he would be a
candidate for the Philippines Pre-
sidential election. Speaking at the
headquarters, Roxas declared he
would be for the common man if
and when elected. But stated he
could not be a candidate until
nominated by the Nationalista
Party. Associated Press.

BLACK CATS IN LUCK

H.Q. Alfsea, Dec. 24.
The "Black Cat" (17 Indian)
Division now has its own rest
camp 55 miles south of Moulmein,
high up on the cliffs at Amherst,
overlooking the sea.
British and Indian soldiers
selected by their units go for one
of the best weeks they have ever
spent in the Army. If they don't
want to get up in the morning,
they stay in bed and nobody
bothers.

There are organized games, a
cinema show every evening, and
small collapsible boats provided
for the sea is shallow and the
sands hard and flat. Many people
spend most of their week bathing
and just lazing about.

Lieut. W. P. Carr, of Heston,
Middlesex, is in charge of the camp.
His right-hand man is S.M. H.
Storer, of West Hartlepool, and
Sergeant J. Burke, of Mansfield,
Nottingham, is in charge of the rationals.

ARMENIANS AGITATE

Moscow, Dec. 24.
The official Communist news-
paper "Pravda" today published
a Tass dispatch from Egypt re-
porting that a group of Armeni-
ans in Alexandria were seeking
to have Turkey give certain fron-
tier districts to Soviet Armenia.
It said that the group, known
as the Armenian National Coun-
cil, offered a one-point programme
based on the contention that
Turkey forcibly split up Armenia
after World War No. 1. Soviet
newspapers on Thursday pub-
lished demands of Georgians that
Turkey restore the strategic 180-
mile stretch of the Black Sea
coast to Russia. Associated
Press.

American Interest In Far East Problems

SAN FRANCISCO, DEC. 23.
THE SAN FRANCISCO "CHRONICLE," WHICH WATCHES
THE ORIENT MORE CLOSELY THAN MOST AMERI-
CAN NEWSPAPERS, DEVOTED FIVE EDITORIALS
YESTERDAY TO FAR EASTERN SUBJECTS. JAP-
AN'S FOOD PROBLEM, GENERAL YAMASHITA,
GENERAL MACARTHUR'S STATEMENT ABOUT A
RADIO BROADCAST, JAVA AND SLAM.
THE NEWSPAPER DESCRIBED ITSELF AS SURPRISED
AND PUZZLED ABOUT THE CHARGE BY THE U.S.
HEALTH OFFICER IN TOKYO THAT THE JAPANESE
WERE TRYING TO DECEIVE OCCUPATION AU-
THORITIES ABOUT THEIR SUPPLIES IN ORDER TO
GET AID FROM THE UNITED STATES.

Noting the officer's calcula-
tions that fair distribution of
Japanese food will provide more
calories per person than Ameri-
cans will get, the "Chronicle"
observed: "If this is the true
situation it is surprising" be-
cause the Japanese have had to
make heavy imports of food for
many years to feed the popula-
tion, "even on its low stand-
ards."

The "Chronicle" also said that
"puzzling also in this connection
is the constant Tokyo drumbeat
through the war years, demand-
ing that people eat less and pro-
duce more food."

DRAMA AND IRONY

Whatever the existing facts,
the "Chronicle" agreed in con-
clusion with the American
health officer that distribution
must be taken vigorously in
hand "for those who have money
will get food and the poor will
not."

In another editorial the news-
paper commented briefly that
"there is drama and irony in
General Yamashita's appeal to
the United States supreme
court," adding, "he probably is
as far removed from the con-
cepts of western law and order
as any human being can be. His
rise by the cut-throat route,
that was the only way to his high
command."

The "Chronicle" also spoke of
"the embarrassment of General
MacArthur and the jeopardiz-
ing of our efforts towards har-
mony in the Far East by Larry
Tighe," an American radio
broadcaster.

"BRIGHT CHAPS"
The newspaper criticized the
radio generally for what it
labelled as numerous cases of
tor witnessed an exciting test

Press Battle In Spain

Madrid, Dec. 24.
There are persistent by uncer-
tified reports here that the stage is
being set for a legal battle to re-
store wholly or for the establish-
ment of some control by former
Spanish publishers over their
papers.

Paper confiscated by the Govern-
ment at the end of the civil war
included "El Liberal" and "El
Horizonte," which were abolished
when the publishing property was
taken over by Juan Pujol, who be-
gan publishing a highly profitable
evening paper, the "Madrid."
Then there were the Montoli
properties, which were turned over
to Manuel Aznar, now Minister
Plenipotentiary to the United
States, who created the popular
weekly picture magazine "Se-
mana."

Montoli, a mild Republican, fled
to Argentina where he began pub-
lishing again, but returned to
Spain some time ago and is mak-
ing an unsuccessful attempt to re-
cover his property.

It is expected that the Govern-
ment, and specially the Falange,
will fight desperately against any
attempt of reconstituting publishing
underwritten by former owners, says
the New York "Times" special
correspondent. It has consistently
defeated attempts at establish-
ing new ventures.

Under the present publishing
procedure, all papers must receive
newsprint through the Falange
Syndicate. Also none are allowed
to work on the editorial side of
any paper without the Falange
issuing a permit. Associated Press.

ATLANTIC AIRLINES

Washington, Dec. 24.
An American Airlines spokes-
man said his firm plans to in-
crease weekly flights from New
York to Amsterdam and Berlin
about Jan. 15, followed by a simi-
lar weekly service to Copenhagen
and Stockholm in February. Associated
Press.

SUPERVISED BIRTHDAY

Tokyo, Dec. 24.
Crown Prince Akihito celebrated
his 12th birthday today in a
quiet, supervised day. The occasion
was highlighted by a rare
reunion with his parents, sisters
and brother. Associated Press.

BRIDGE NOTES

West shouldn't have doubled the
Slam to begin with (even though
actually North had been guilty of
overbidding); but having doubled,
he should still have seen the jaws
of the trap South set for him.

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

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D. A 6 4 2
C. K 7

S. 6 5 2

H. Q J 10

D. K 7 3

C. A 9 6 3

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C. 10 8 5 4 2

S. A K 10 8 4

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The bidding:

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Manila, Dec. 24.
The sale of \$17,000,000 worth of surplus United States Army and Navy materials in the Philippines during the first six weeks of its operation has been announced by the Foreign Liquidation Commission in the Pacific office.

Food sales totalled \$11,000,000, hospital and medical supplies \$1,500,000 and aircraft and parts \$1,500,000.

Jeeps and trucks which are on sale this week are expected to substantially improve the island transport situation. Associated Press.

Application For Eviction

A successful application for eviction was brought by Yung Yau Lin against Kow Kow yesterday in respect of the first floor of No. 70, Queen's Road Central before a Tenancy Tribunal comprising of Mr. W. N. Thomas, Tani, the Rev. Frank Short and Mr. R. A. Silva.

The ground for the application was that the respondent was not the proper tenant of the premises and had no right to occupy them.

Yung Yau Lin, rent collector for the Sun Tai Tong, testified to finding the respondent in possession of the premises in October this year. The former tenants, the Chung Wah Sui, were turned out by the Japanese in 1942.

Kow Kow said he had been part of the premises from the Chung Wah Sui and when the latter moved away, he took over the whole flat.

After a short adjournment, the Tribunal ordered that the applicant be given the premises as from Jan. 15, 1946.

CASE AGREED
A case in which Kwan Tong applied for the eviction of the Nam Sun Company of No. 8, Connaught Road Central, came for hearing again yesterday before the Tribunal comprising of Messrs. M. W. Lo, R. Chubb and Hon. Man-wai.

Mr. Sidney Ng Quinn, for the applicant, announced that the parties had come to an agreement under which the respondent had agreed to quit the premises on or before Jan. 5, 1946.

The respondents were represented by Mr. Alfred Y. Hon.

RENTS SINCE PAID
Before the same Tribunal, another application for eviction was brought by Yung Kien-tai against the Kwong Fook-tai firm of No. 97, Jervois Street, ground floor.

Mr. J. T. Prior, representing the applicant, said that the grounds of the application were that the respondent was in arrears, but since notice was served, respondent had paid the rents. In view of this, applicant no longer required an eviction order.

BLIND SERVICE
Because the applicant was served by a blind man, the applicant for eviction was adjourned by a Tenancy Tribunal for re-service.

The application was made by Chau Kwong Yan against Betty Yau, of No. 7, Wungneiching Road, ground floor.

The Tribunal comprised Messrs. A. E. Arthur, Henry Wong and B. Abraham.

Gen. MacArthur's Xmas Message

Tokyo, Dec. 24.
General Douglas MacArthur today issued the following Christmas statement:

"On this Christmas Day—the first in five years on which our guns have been silent—I join with all members of this command in thanking God for our deliverance from the death and destruction of war and pray that our merciful Lord will sustain us in our efforts to realize in its fullest the ideal which Christ brought to the world—peace on earth and to all men good will."—Associated Press.

Netherlands Want A Quick Solution

LONDON, DEC. 24.
THE HILVERSUM RADIO, HEARD HERE ON SUNDAY, SAID: THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT REPLYING TO UNITED STATES NOTE EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER THE SITUATION IN INDONESIA.

ACCORDING TO THE RADIO, THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT REPLY SAID THE HAGUE WISHES "WITH ALL MEANS AT ITS DISPOSAL" TO SEEK "A QUICK AND PEACEFUL SOLUTION" OF THE STRIFE.

The United States note was dated Dec. 19 and declared that "the United States cannot fail to be deeply interested in a solution which may be achieved of problems that are of vital importance to the entire world."

The Dutch answer said the Hague "completely understands the difficulties connected with the task of the Supreme Command, but it must again stress that this task, namely the evacuation and disarmament of the Japanese army and the rescue and protection of prisoners of war and internees, should be carried out despite these difficulties."

The broadcast quoted the statement as saying the talks between the Dutch and Indonesian leaders were still in progress despite the absence of Lieut-General van Mook, now visiting Holland.—Associated Press.

Greyhound Dope Racket In U.K.

(By Vernon Morgan, Reuter's Sports Editor).

LONDON, DEC. 24.
BRITAIN, LIKE INDIA, HAS HER DOPE FIENDS. NOT THE DRUG ADDICT KIND BUT THOSE WHO ADMINISTER NARCOTICS TO ANIMALS FOR PROFIT. IN INDIA IT WAS HORSES, HERE IT IS GREYHOUNDS.

THE BRITISH TURF FOR MANY YEARS HAS BEEN SINGULARLY FREE EVEN OF THE SLIGHTEST SUSPICIONS OF DOPING DUE POSSIBLY TO THE FACT THAT IT IS FAR SAFER FOR THE JOCKEY TO BE TOLD THAT HIS HORSE IS NOT OUT TO WIN AND BECAUSE THE TURF AUTHORITIES WATCH RACING VERY CLOSELY.

So closely that even those who give the horses a "race just for the good of their health," do not always get away with it.

Only this week the Racing Calendar contains a notice that the Stewards of the National Hunt Committee have severely cautioned one of the leading trainers as to the future of the running of horses trained by him, with the view to considering the renewal of his licence when his present one expires.

With dogs, it is different as there is no human element attached and the only way to stop a dog is to see that it cannot do so. Consequently, there have been many cases throughout the country for many years of preventing the dogs from winning and lots of methods are adopted, such as a 4 oz. of water before the race, lacing the muzzle with lightly salted rubber bands or the food and of course the administering of drugs to the animals.

BURST WIDE OPEN
The whole racket has now been burst wide open and the statement that a Gang had engineered at the famous White City track in London, a win for an outsider, "Bald Truth," in one of the races. It was not until this outsider romped home by 15 lengths and bets began to pour in for it from various parts of the country that it was obvious that the remainder of the field had been done so that "Bald Truth" should win.

It is estimated that at least £100,000 was cleaned up by "Bald Truth's" win. He was backed on the tote, with book makers at the track and in starting-price offices, and not only in single bets but in forecasts.

The Greyhound Racing Association immediately offered £1,000 as a reward for information leading to the arrest of the dopers but at present they are still at large though some arrests are said to be imminent.

INGENUOUS TRICK
Doping "Bald Truth" was done in the most ingenious fashion by a man hiding all night in a bale of straw and giving doped food to Bald Truth's opponents just before the race. It was first thought that chlorine, which is a sedative drug with the smell of mothballs and obtainable at any chemist for a penny a capsule had been used but an analyst report shows that some secret drug had been mixed with it.

Ever since the White City doping, detectives and police have been watching tracks throughout the country to try and get some clue to this big brain job.

It is estimated that at least 1,500 policemen will be specially watching and guarding dogs from the Tyne down to the South coast over Christmas, when greyhound fans have a feast of entertainment.

This dog doping is yet another part of the post-war crime wave which is sweeping the country.—Reuter.

New York, Dec. 24.
Sayd Lee Paterson, New Jersey heavyweight yesterday knocked out Otis Oliver, of Washington, in the first round, Sayd weighed 190-112 lbs. and Oliver 201-112 lbs.—Associated Press.

H.K. SKITTLED OUT FOR 34

In a low scoring game at the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground yesterday, Royal Air Force beat a Hong Kong eleven by 37 runs in the Quadrangular Tournament.

Bowlers had the upper hand with batsmen faring badly against some really fine bowling. Ward of the R.A.F. returned the remarkable analysis of eight wickets for only 17 runs.

The scores were:
Hong Kong: 34 (G. S. Gossard 12; Ward 8 for 17).
R.A.F.: 71 (L. A. C. Billing 50; Lt.-Col. Owen Hughes 5 for 11).

ROYAL SIGNALS CONCERT PARTY

Officers and men of the Royal Signals were working hard to-day completing arrangements in the Kowloon Tong Club hall for a concert party to-night.

A non-stop revue, "The Signallers" will be presented by Ken Barrett, John Russell and Bob Jarman.

The show features The Royal Signals choir, John and Bob in "Business with a Bunt," a comedy "Orders is Orders," The Intelligence Corps Crazy Show, Rogers and Company in "Looking at Life," a radio burlesque titled "Radio 131" and music by the "Signallers Swingette."

The show will commence at 7 p.m. Civilians can attend only by invitation. A dance will be held after the concert at the club hall. Music will be supplied by the Signallers Swingette up to midnight.

Havana, Dec. 24.
Phil Terranova, of New York, former featherweight champion was held to a draw last night by the Cuban featherweight title holder, Miguel Azavedo, in a ten round contest. Terranova weighed 124 lbs. and Azavedo 130-34 lbs. Associated Press.

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